



Controlling chronic respiratory diseases in Finland from 1996 to 2018

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A nationwide, long-term and systematic lung health policy has been implemented in Finland. The real-world data indicate that the burden of respiratory diseases has reduced both for patients and, overall, for society. <https://bit.ly/3LvPjjv>

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From the 1990s, five national programmes were carried out in Finland to respond to respiratory health challenges [1–6]. Previous experience from tuberculosis facilitated the launch of other initiatives. The programmes were implemented in the national public healthcare. Importantly, professional associations, non-governmental patient organisations (NGOs) and pharmacies contributed to the change of clinical practices.